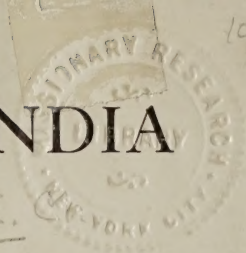


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THE MAN IN INDIA

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The Man

This man is in India.

A fair sample.

Good face—Character—Strength.

Sturdy Stock—A worth-while man.

Born an “Untouchable”—bruised by higher castes.

Converted—A new man in Christ.

His testimony testifies. He lives it.

Sent to school. Now a preacher.

Used of God.

There are 315 millions in India.

One in every five of human race.

Three times as many as in United States.

This man eats and wears more since he was converted.

Christianized India will be a marvelous world market.

The India Mass Movement

Listen!

Most marvelous story.

Greatest revival world ever saw.

Entire communities coming enmasse—India's Mass Movement.

Missionaries utterly unable to care for the crowds.

Preachers standing like policemen holding crowd back.

Our fathers prayed for "open doors"—

Now no door closed except the church door.

They want Christ.

One million would have come last year.

193,000 actually came, begging to be accepted.

Fifty millions now accessible.

These are from the outcastes.

Upper castes affected—more coming than ever before.

"Signs of a Mass Movement among the upper castes are multiplying on every hand;

When this comes the task will be still more challenging."

"We may have them or lose them, as we will.

Our whole church is responsible."

"Though but an armor bearer I may be,

Surely the captain may depend on me."

The Thing Lacking

One thing is lacking!

Is it Grace? God's grace is abundant.

Is it Christ? He loves them.

He died for them.

His heart yearns for them.

They are coming because He draws them.

Is it missionaries? We are depending upon our colleges to provide the missionaries.

Is it native workers? No, we can have the native workers.

They are waiting to be trained and employed.

What then is lacking?

Dollars—Just a Few Dollars

A million dollars can mean a million souls.

Think! Every dollar can mean a soul.

Taken from heathen darkness and misery into Christian light and glory.

Oh, what an opportunity! A privilege.—It will pay to work harder;

It will pay to sacrifice—to go without, that we may do this.

Their need of Christ is as great as my need of Him.

He has drawn them NOW because he wants them saved NOW.

They are depending on us; we cannot dodge the responsibility.

Since this task cannot be shifted and cannot be postponed without sin,

It can be lifted, if we try—God will help us.

You and I are, at this time, to carry this additional burden,

God will give grace and strength, if we trust and obey.

Be strong in the Lord—Be not of little faith.

A Heart Cry

A hunger keener, more gnawing than that for bread.

A need more appalling than that for life.

The thousands, the millions asking for Christ.

Hundreds of entire towns and communities *(Mohallas)
asking for baptism and admission into the church.

One village begs—"Seventy are waiting."

Another—"Ninety are waiting."

The **mayor of a community begs—"Eight hundred are waiting."

Another—"Over thirteen hundred are waiting."

Another—"Over nineteen hundred are waiting."

"To refuse them will mean to lose them for Christ.

To admit them untaught means to heathenize the young church."

To delay means their death. Babes (in Christ) uncared for perish.

Their leaders come again and again crying

"Hurry, the crop is spoiling."

* Their laws, sacred and social, compel each caste to live in separate Mohallas, wards, of towns and cities. Hence a more exact expression would be hundreds of entire Mohallas asking for baptism and admission to the church.

** Mayor is our official, most nearly like the Chaudhri of India. The Chaudhri is more influential than the mayor. His office is a hereditary one. He is the social and religious leader of his Mohalla. He exercises great authority and has wide personal influence within his caste, his advice extending even to personal business affairs and marriage. In many cases his authority extends over scores of communities in adjoining towns and villages.

Listen: A terrible story—awful crime. Matthew 12:43-45
tragically illustrated.

Prayerfully, silently, read. Did we not share in this
crime?

25 years ago there was a 40,000 mass movement in India.
20,000 not cared for promptly—Lack of dollars; just a
few American dollars.

Three years—money supplied—too late.

The 20,000 alienated, further off than ever—Felt re-
buffed, slapped in face.

They were just as promising as the 20,000 reached, and
who are now splendid working Christians.

Today no one persecuting native church like these who
tried to come and felt rebuffed.

This crime multiplied many fold in numbers we will
again knowingly commit unless all help NOW.

Even more important, the entire India Mass Movement
toward Christ may be checked.

Hear ye, Hear ye—A great crisis is unexpectedly thrust
upon us.

“Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that
believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone
were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into
the sea.”

Our God is a consuming fire, because He is a God of
love.

Immediate Needs

It is utterly impossible to teach them with our present force.

Necessary to meet the present situation:—

One hundred new missionaries.

2,260 new native pastors.

1,035 village schools.

More than 100 Bible Training Schools preparing village pastors and teachers for intellectual and spiritual leadership.

Ten higher schools. We must prepare our strongest laymen and preachers for religious, civil, social, scholastic, industrial and commercial leadership of the new India.

Six industrial schools.

One strong university.

We are providing for a great new Christian nation.
Broad statesmanship is demanded.

What Would God Have Me Do?

Dollars will meet this emergency.

For me to give more may mean sacrifice.

These are times calling for sacrifice.

Some are sacrificing in France.

Some are giving life itself in mission fields.

Are you and I sacrificing—are we eating less—wearing less?

To-day all must sacrifice.

God has drawn these millions of India.

He loves them.

We must care for them.

To fail would be an awful sin—I have my responsibility.

I will do my part, or more—I am no slacker.

What would God have me give?

Our Program

The Board of Foreign Missions had not the increased income to provide for this new necessity.

The India Mass Movement Commission was created to raise \$1,000,000.

Its duties end when it raises the money.

The money passes through the regular church channels.

One great hearted layman has provided for the entire expense of this campaign.

Every cent given by every other man goes to India.

\$1,000,000 will provide for the immediate need.

Missionaries affirm it will mean 1,000,000 conversions.

New missionaries will be sent out.

Hundreds of new native pastors employed.

Many new churches opened.

Many new schools opened—Bible will be studied.

Many, many thousands waiting, aching hearts will be satisfied.

A new Christian nation of mighty potentialities.

Heaven will shout for joy.

The count of the dollars makes the count of souls.

God expects every man to do his best.

To accomplish this

We are selling stock, bonds.

We hope to find in American Methodism 1,000 men and women who will give \$1,000 each.

Two hundred dollars a year for five years.

Coupons attached.

Absolutely good at The King's Bank—the Real Bank.

Take a bond. Take as many bonds as you can.

The Bond

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1896

Series A

The India League of a Thousand

India Mass Movement Commission

Board of Foreign Missions Methodist Episcopal Church

THIS bond is one of a thousand of like terms, aggregating One Million Dollars during a five-year period, issued for the purpose of obtaining funds with which to insure the baptism and training of the hundreds of thousands of Indian people now waiting to be received into the Christian Church.

The bonds are issued under the provisions of an action of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the expectation being that one thousand bonds of one thousand dollars (\$1000) each, will be subscribed for.

The bond subscribers will be known as "The India League of a Thousand," membership in which involves the payment of a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200) annually for five years. The individual may of course take more than one bond.

The Edinburgh Continuation Conferences held under the leadership of Dr. John R. Mott, in which all Protestant missions in India were officially represented, urged the claim of the Mass Movement as follows:

"1. *The Opportunity.* The widespread movements toward Christianity among the depressed classes of Hindu society have opened a great door of opportunity for the Christian Church. There are about fifty millions of these people. Experience has shown that they are extraordinarily open to the message of the Gospel, forming a field white to the harvest. There are also many indications that the movement among these classes is spreading to the caste people.

"2. *The Urgency of the Crisis.* The claim upon the Missionary Societies and the Indian Church to gather in this vast harvest is urgent and imperative. It is doubtful how long the door will remain open. Strong influences are at work tending to close it. The Christian forces ought to press through with all their might while it is still open.

"3. *Results Already Visible.* Striking moral and spiritual results are being achieved. Even where converts have come from the lowest and most degraded section of society, a large number of them have exhibited to a very remarkable degree the fruits of the Spirit and have by their Christian lives won the respect of those who formerly despised them, and treated them as untouchable.

"4. *Significance for the Kingdom.* These mass movements, if properly dealt with, will be of untold value to the cause of Christ in India. The work among these classes is dealing a powerful blow to the caste spirit. It is a great witness to that law of God's kingdom by which He chooses the weak to confound the mighty. It is noticeable that no part of the Church's work in India excites more concern and emulation among many sections of the educated classes. This in itself is a strong testimony to the influence of this work as a witness to the true nature and power of Christianity.

"5. *Greatness of the Task.* The task is gigantic. We desire to impress upon the Church in India and at home the imperative need of grappling with it in earnest. To gather in this harvest and to educate the converts demand a far greater and more widespread and determined effort."

The Methodist crisis is stated clearly in the following summary:

Baptized by our Church in India last year	35,000
Turned away by our Church last year	40,000
Waiting inquirers, who have waited in vain	153,000
People beginning to turn toward Christ	1,000,000
People in the caste where Movement is operating	11,000,000
Total population of the community affected	50,000,000

In witness of our faith in the response of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the India Mass Movement Commission has caused one thousand of these bonds to be issued. All checks are payable to George M. Fowles, Treasurer, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Payments are desired on or before June first of each year, except 1917, when payment is optional up to October thirty-first.

Witnessed, John R. Mott
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The Subscription Blank

INDIA MASS MOVEMENT COMMISSION

Board of Foreign Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York

To make possible the baptism and training of the hundreds of thousands of Indian people now waiting, I will contribute dollars annually for a period of five years from date. The first payment to be due....., 1918.

Succeeding payments to be made June 1st, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922.

Name

Address

Date

Make checks payable to George M. Fowles, Treasurer.

Why do we ask you to give for five years? Because the Board of Foreign Missions lacks resources.

And the work should be maintained for five years, bringing the people toward maturity and self-support.

Many who cannot give \$1,000 can give \$100 a year for five years.

Others giving less may be giving as sacrificially.

GOD EXPECTS EACH TO DO HIS BEST

Fill out the subscription blank, do it prayerfully.

Do it NOW. Now is God's time.

Send it in enclosed envelope.

Expert Testimony from India

Bishop J. W. Robinson:

"It is marvelous the way God has lead us into every part of the empire,

And given us strategic centers for this very work.

There are now between one and five millions of people of the lower castes that might NOW be gathered by Methodism into the church."

Bishop Frank W. Warne:

"This is the greatest challenge the Christian church has received in this generation,

Perhaps, ever.

It involves large financial outlay on the part of the church at home,

And prayer on both sides of the ocean."

"We have in our mission already converts from over fifty castes. I confidently expect just such mass movement toward Christianity among the Brahmans and other higher castes.

There is a general expectation that we are on the eve of such a movement."

"The Mass Movement of India began at the right place. Undermine and you get the whole hill."

Rev. Fred B. Fisher, D.D.:

"A perpetual Pentecost!

A harvest greater in one generation than was produced in four hundred years in Europe!

What will be the answer of American Christianity to such a challenge?

There is but one answer—'Go or send.'

We dare not fail to advance in a day like this."

Right Rev. H. Whitehead, D.D., Bishop of Madras:

"The supporters of foreign missions at home have not as yet realized one-tenth part of the urgency of the situation, or the greatness of the effort needed to take advantage of the magnificent opportunities that these movements are giving the church. We ought definitely to aim during the next thirty years at reaping this magnificent harvest.

And gathering nearly the whole of the 50,000,000 outcastes into the Church of Christ."

Convention in India: Dr. John R. Mott, chairman:

"There are about fifty millions of these people,
Extraordinarily open to the message of the Gospel,
Forming a field, white unto the harvest.

The task before us is gigantic,

We desire to impress upon the Church in India and at home, the important need of grappling with it in earnest.

To gather in this harvest and to train and educate the converts demands a far greater and more wide-spread effort than has as yet been made."

Brenton T. Badley.

"Now is the time to win for Christ the entire fifty millions of India's depressed classes.

They are on the move toward the Kingdom."

"We may have them or lose them as we will.

Our whole church is responsible."

These quotations are from conservative, trusted leaders in India—

We could multiply extracts, giving many even stronger statements.

Say not

Go, be fed, be clothed,

But say

I feed, I clothe, though it cost sacrifice.

Christ sacrificed for me.

I must do my best. The Golden Rule must be applied.

I dare not salve my conscience by a smaller gift.

I must do all God wants me to do.

"The King's business requireth haste."

Act!

WILL YE ROB GOD?—WHERE IS YOUR TITHE?

Income of United States in 1916

(official) \$40,000,000,000.00

Average income, omitting children... 500.00

One-tenth of this 50.00

Members of Methodist Episcopal

Church in the United States.... 3,939,447

Tithe on this basis..... \$196,972,350.00

"As much for others as for ourselves"

(Benevolences, Home and
Abroad) 98,486,175.00

Figuring Foreign Missions at officially
approved per cent 38,015,663.55

What we gave last year (total both
boards) 2,967,026.96

The difference 36,048,636.59

— I have met no tither who felt like using his tithe for Red
Cross, or Army Y.M.C.A.

These are special—"our bit,"—for home and country and
native land.

These are times calling for more than the tithe—for
sacrifice.

Some are sacrificing.

Some have given until it hurt.

Then kept on giving until it quit hurting.

And are, by God's blessing, "hilarious givers."

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither
moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do
not break through and steal; for where your treasure
is there will your heart be also."

